

PTA Times

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NEWS & EVENTS

Season of Giving

December 1 - 16

During the holiday season, you may be planning to give a gift to your classroom teacher. Please consider a gift that your teacher really wants – a classroom gift. In the coming weeks, teachers will be making up their wish lists with ideas for rainy day games, puzzles and other classroom needs. The wishes will be posted on the “Season of Giving” board in front of the office and on classroom doors so you can browse and see what you might want to give. More information will be sent home in upcoming Wednesday envelopes.

Garden Work Day

December 3, 9am - 2pm, RAIN OR SHINE

Kids, bring your parents and help fix up the school yard! Sunnyside garden areas desperately need some attention. Recology is donating a huge compost container for the event (a retail rental value of \$300).

Projects will include:

- Finishing landscaping on Foerster and Hearst.
- Remove the overgrown bushes and replant to match the Foerster/Flood side of the school.
- Weed the play structure garden.
- Clear out planter boxes and amend the soil.
- Clean up trash on side yards near the gates.

Contact Karen Franklin at krf.1st@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Fourth Annual Barefoot Book Fair

November 28 - December 2

Barefoot Books combine delightful stories with beautiful artwork, and make great holiday or anytime gifts for the children in your life. Barefoot Books are high-quality, thoughtfully designed books that encourage creativity and imagination in young readers, as well as encouraging an appreciation of connections between cultures. Visit their website to learn more: www.barefootbooks.com/story.

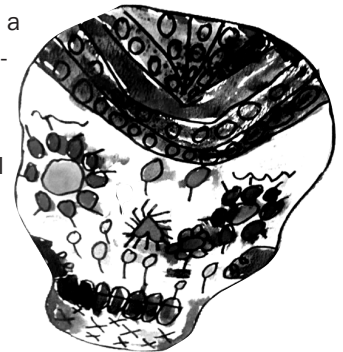
All proceeds from the Fair benefit the Sunnyside Library! This is our main fundraiser. With the profits from past fairs, we've pur-

chased our beautiful library carpet, many books and supplies, and most recently our new library desk.

During the week of Nov 28-Dec 2 the Fair will be open for sales every day after school until 4pm, and before school from 8:15-8:40 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We'll also be open from 5-7 on Wednesday night for Family Night.

Day of the Dead / Día de los Muertos Display

The Sunnyside Art Committee made a gorgeous Day of the Dead art exhibition on the stage in the cafeteria. Sugar skulls, papel picado (cut tissue paper banners), flowers, skull drawings, skeleton puppets were among the showcased traditional items. A standing ovation to all who helped and contributed artwork!



PTA Meeting

Monday, November 14, 6pm in the Auditorium

Join us to approve the PTA Financial Audit and help create a Sunnyside facilities wish list, post-election. Discuss current space issues, 2012-2013 classroom configurations, and what teachers and the community would like to see if Bond Measure A passes or fails. As always, free child care, dinner and snacks will be provided.

Box Tops

Good job, everyone. Overall, we earned a total of \$261.40. \$65.30 came from dimes and other coins; \$196.10 was from BoxTop labels.



The classrooms with highest returns:

- 1st Place- Room 207 (\$29.90)
- 2nd Place- Room 101 (\$25.60)
- 3rd Place- Room 208 (\$25.55)

Watch the Wednesday envelopes for information about our next BoxTops collection.

Sunnyside Family Night in Bernal

Sunnyside parents Giuseppe Manna and Vega Freeman-Brady generously hosted a very successful Sunnyside night at their two wonderful Bernal Heights restaurants, Vega and Liberty Café last month. Twenty-five Sunnyside families enjoyed an evening of delicious food and community. Giuseppe and Vega donated 20% of every participating guest check to Sunnyside. Together we raised \$350 to support our school.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

Run to the Sunnyside! Final Tally

Everyone who ran, collected pledges, or volunteered helped make this event a huge success. We beat our fundraising goal while promoting health, wellness, and fun. Thank you, everyone!

Over 120 Sunnyside students, parents, teachers and friends ran around the track at Aptos Middle School. Thanks to everyone's teamwork and generous donations, we netted \$15,984! These funds make a huge difference in our ability to provide math and literacy support, arts programming, a garden program, technology in every classroom and in the library, and more. Congratulations go to the following students:

Students who ran the most laps for their grade won Giant's baseball caps:

Kindergarten/Room 101: James Kepley = 20
1st Grade/Room 107: Josephine Rishniw = 19
2nd Grade/Room 209 and 207: Winston Jeffries and Caleb Feldman = 19
3rd Grade/Room 201: Wesley Robinson = 34
4th Grade/Room 109: Khalid Sohan-Parks = 21
5th Grade/Room 205: Waleed Sohan-Parks = 22

Students who raised the most in their grade won Presidio Bowl gift cards and a movie passes:

Kindergarten/Room 101: Calvin Healy \$700
1st Grade/Room 108 : Ben Williams \$750
2nd Grade/Room 208: Ella Shonk \$600
3rd Grade/Room 206: Wes Peters \$640
4th Grade/Room 109: Ben Larson \$125
5th Grade/Room 205: Fiona Gray \$104

Ben Williams was the top earner and won sports equipment and a copy of *Toy Story 3*.

Other students who participated were entered into a raffle and won sports equipment, lunch bags, water bottles, Sunnyside baseball caps, *Pirates of The Caribbean* caps, Giant's commemorative posters, notebooks, pens, pencil cases, LED flashlights and *Angry Birds* toys.

Help Wanted!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Barefoot Book Fair needs volunteers November 28 - December 2 - To volunteer, please email Jenny Isenberg at hellkitty99@sbcglobal.net.

Lunch - Our kids need a few more volunteers to help during our lunch and recess. This is a fun and rewarding role. It is awesome to meet your child's friends and see how they play together. First, you help kids open their lunches and encourage them to eat their healthy food. Then go outside for recess: make sure everyone is safe and if you like, you can organize basketball, four square, or any other games.

The hours are 11:40-12:20 for K-2 and/or 12:20-1:00 for grades 3-5. You are especially needed on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, but any day would be great. Come weekly, every other week, or whenever you can make it.

To sign up or learn more, please email Rebecca Byrne at rebecca@byrne.name.

eScrip Reminder - Free Money!

Did you know that you can raise money for Sunnyside by registering your existing grocery loyalty, debit, and credit cards—including Safeway? It is free to register. Participating merchants contribute to Sunnyside based on a percentage of purchases you make with your registered cards.

Just go to www.escrip.com to sign up. Sunnyside Group ID is # 138051594. **Remember, you must renew your information each fall** in order for Sunnyside to continue receiving funds based on your loyalty card purchases. If you're already signed up, please check to make sure your registration is up-to-date.

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for joining the PTA! Your membership benefits all students and your additional donations directly support programs at Sunnyside. Please remember it's not too late to join and ask your employer for a matching donation. Contact Susanna Upton, Sunnyside PTA Membership Chair, susanna_upton@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Communications Committee Report

We'd love to have your event photos for our website's Photo Gallery page. You can upload photos individually or as a zipped file here: www.sunnysidek5.org/website.html. Once received, they will be posted for our community to share.

CLASS NOTES

Room 101, Kindergarten, Ms. Yee

Thank you to all families who continue to volunteer inside and outside the classroom. We can't do this without your support. New program: Yoga with Miss Brittany. Upcoming field trip: November 21 to The Legion of Honor.

Room 103, Kindergarten, Miss Plack

Room 103 has been very busy! We just wrapped up some Halloween projects, one of which was in collaboration with our third grade buddies. We have been working hard on writing our own stories and mapping out stories that we read in class. We usually create art on Friday afternoons, so any extra help would be welcomed!

We will be going on our first field trip on November 22 to Glen Canyon. Several parents have already signed on to chaperone, but we always welcome more!

Please contact Ms. Plack if you are interested in volunteering or to share project ideas.

Thank you, Adel Vardell, our fabulous room parent, for keeping us all informed and for planning some fun Room 103 play-dates. Thank you to Crystal Aguada and Andrew for your hard work in the library and for tearing out our workbook pages. Thank you to Tamra Biener who stuffs our Wednesday envelopes every week. Your help is very much appreciated!

APPLAUSE

Leading Roles

- Rori and Kari, and the Fun Run Committee, for making this now annual event such a success.
- Dana Pluck for auditing the PTA's books.
- The Arts Committee for organizing the Day of the Dead art project and starting a new Sunnyside tradition.



SFUSD School Fair Volunteers

The fair went well - we were so popular, we ran out of brochures by 1:30! Special thanks to Jenny McAllister Isenberg for coordinating school tours and the Sunnyside table at the SFUSD Enrollment Fair. Also to our LSP, Mr. Sandeep Kumar; Excel director, Ms. Cecelia Roman; first grade teacher, Mr. Steve Flanagan; parents Amy Reticker, Susanna Upton, Karen Zuercher, Jenny McAllister Isenberg, and PTA President Cathy Meyer for giving up a few hours on Saturday, November 5 to meet with parents interested in learning more about Sunnyside Elementary. Thank you, Tech committee chair Fro Rosqueta, for use of the school laptop. Also thank you, Peggy Mipuri, Jennifer Waits and Aragorn Healy for helping with school tours and school fairs this month.

The PTA President, Cathy Meyer, Thanks You!

Rori Reber, Katy Nelson, Kelly Forde, Robert Contreras, Karen Franklin, Jenny Isenberg, Peggy Lee Mirpuri, Siobhan Fleming, Ricardo Sanchez, Rebecca Byrne, Andreas Jekle, Marielle Cavrois, Beth Zonderman, Reva Bhatia, Ritu Patel, Dana Pluck, Leah Tarlen, Susanna Upton, Elena Ingerman, Gill Hirst, Teri Gardella, Fro Rosqueta, Adrienne Johnson, Wendy Turner, Pauline McGovern, Trish Rudden, Kari Gray, Jennifer Helton, Jonathan Wilson, Julie Kessler, Maren Nymo, Lopa Pal, Andi Gleeson, Jo Kreiter, Jay Scott, Dino Antonio, Marsha Nichols, all the teachers, room parents, tireless lunch volunteers, and everyone who volunteered in the classroom or on field trips!

Lunch Volunteers

Thank you, Aisling Pierce, Trish Rudden, Aragorn Healy, Reva Bhatia, Michelle Schoen, Michelle Lynch, Lopa Pal, Tamra Biener, Lara Sao Pedro, Katharine Yousefi, and Linda Kepley. You make our kids' lunchtime a better experience!

Octoberfest Volunteers

The kids had a fantastic time thanks to all the people who donated money and supplies. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up, run games, and quickly clean up the auditorium for the YMCA and ExCel after school programs.

Special appreciation to: Betsy Monteanos, Lopa Pal, Aisling Pierce, Dana Pluck, Carolina Stankiewich, Crystal Aguada, Ms. Chen, Leo Oviedo, Stacey Greene, Edward Gotovshiy, Erica Velasquez, Melissa Budnick, Rori Reber, Tamra Biener, Amy Bolanos, Susanna Upton, Rachel Orcutt, Lorraine Powell, Julie Kessler, Trish Rudden, Adel Vardell, Deirdre Santos, Christine Larson, Jenny Isenberg, Maren Nymo, Cindy Morgan, Michelle Lynch, Gina Scufari, Peggy Lee Mirpuri, Michelle Schoen, Kent Schoen, Reva Bhatia, Deanna Hawkins, Della Marquez, Marsha Nichols, Pauline McGovern, Sheila Cahill, Susie Mui-Shonk, Michael Jones, Roel Cahill-Rosqueta, Max Isenberg, Brandon Meyer, Odin Nymo-Young, and the YMCA and ExCel programs who let us set up the auditorium on Friday afternoon.

Wendy Turner Thanks You!

Cathy Meyer, Teri Gardella, Andi Gleeson, Beth Berrean, Beth Zonderman, Amy Reticker, Trish Rudden, Roman Loyola, Julie Kessler, Rachel Orcutt, Siobhan Fleming and Mr. Flanagan.

Mark Your Calendar

November 11: Veterans' Day, Schools Closed

November 14: PTA Meeting

November 23-25: Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

November 28 - December 2: Barefoot Book Fair

December 1-16: Season of Giving

December 3: Garden Work Day

December 19-30: Winter Break

